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Teen dies in stabbing

CRIME

Police probing incident as a homicide

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa police have launched a homicide investigation after a teen was stabbed to death in the city's east end.

The male teen died from injuries sustained in the stabbing that police say happened inside an apartment building at 2020 Jasmine Cres. in Gloucester on Tuesday evening.

Det. Chris Benson confirmed at the scene that the teen was stabbed in the stairwell of the 15-storey apartment building.

"The investigation is continuing. We will be seeking out witnesses, conducting interviews with witnesses and processing the scene," said Benson.

Police are not releasing the victim's identity, but said his next of kin has been notified.

Mohamed Farah lives in an adjacent building and said he was surprised to hear what had happened Tuesday evening.

"I was surprised. Oh my God. I was like, 'What happened?'" said Farah.

"We never think this is going to happen. It's a quiet neighbourhood. I never think these things are going to happen."

INVESTIGATION

Five police cars were outside the building well into the evening as police conducted their investigation inside.

Andrew Hammond of the Ottawa Senators tends net against the New York Rangers on April 9. GETTY IMAGES

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Who's afraid of Khaled Hosseini? Find out in Business

On the street

We asked people in downtown Ottawa Tuesday what their favourite food is to get from city food trucks.

Ad Mare is one of the very few I will go to; fish tacos are the best. And poutine trucks.
Brad Peck

I like tacos. (But my dream truck) would sell pancakes.
Lama Hammad

I haven't been to that many, but I've been to a lot of chip trucks, so poutine and french fries. (If I had my own truck) it would sell chicken wings.
Stephanie Stoddart

A line gathers beside the Ottawa Streat Gourmet chip truck on O'Connor and Albert streets in the downtown on Tuesday. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

New food trucks putting nachos, gelato on menu

LICENSING

Street food vendors now number over 60 in Ottawa

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

RALLY

The city plans to host a rally at city hall on May 13 to introduce the new trucks.

Ottawa is once again expanding its food truck program, and 24-year-old Aida Alvarenga is happy to get the chance to be one of the city's youngest food truck owners.

Taco Cartel, run by Alvarenga, her brother and another business partner, will soon be hitting the streets alongside three other new food trucks and one gelato cart.

Alvarenga isn't just hopping on the taco bandwagon, either. Her family is originally from Honduras and the trio of new owners have been working on recipes for months with Alvarenga's family.

"This is what we're really passionate about. Hopefully, everything will pan out," she said. "We're all young entrepreneurs and recent graduates and we thought a food truck would be a creative way to share our food."

Competition was fierce for the city's designated mobile-food lots, with only five out of 28 applications getting a new licence.

Nacho Cartel will be located on Argyle Avenue near the Museum of Nature, and Rico Peru, serving Peruvian cuisine, will be opening in Vanier.

Familiar names that are going mobile include Stella Luna Gelato, which will operate a downtown cart on the corner of Bank and Spark streets.

The Bytown Bayou, an already operating food truck that has been catering private events in the city, will now have a spot to serve up its Louisiana smokehouse fare in Hintonburg.

Finally, regulars at the recently closed Mayflower restaurant on Elgin Street can also rejoice: Owner Bob Jones will be returning to the Ottawa food scene in his own truck located on the west side of Courtwood Cresent, near Carlington Park.

The new additions will bring the total number of street food vendors to over 60 since the city launched its food truck program three years ago.

Philip Powell, the city's manager of licensing, permits and markets, said the city has gotten great feedback from both vendors and customers.

"People will be really excited about the new ones coming on and we'll look forward to trying them out," he said.

Lax Senate policies attacked

POLITICS

Defence goes on offensive over reporting practices

Once a senator signed a request for a research contract using their office budget, officials did not follow up to see whether the work was done, the criminal trial of Mike Duffy heard Tuesday.

"I go by the information provided to me by the senator," Senate human-resources officer Sonia Makhlouf said during cross-examination by defence attorney Donald Bayne on Tuesday as she confirmed research contracts were awarded at the senator's discretion.

At issue is $65,000 worth of Senate contracts Duffy awarded to companies owned by Gerald Donohue, a former colleague at CTV, that the Crown argues were used in part to cover expenses — such as makeup services and fitness training provided by third parties — that otherwise would not have been approved.

Mike Duffy arrives at the courthouse in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bayne walked the court through various guidelines, policies and procedures governing personnel and contracts and argued that, especially during the period when Duffy awarded the contracts to Maple Ridge Media Inc. and its successor Ottawa ICF — the companies owned by Donohue — senators enjoyed a great deal of latitude over how they could use a $70,000 annual allowance for research, so long as it related to Senate business.

Bayne had Makhlouf confirm human resources asked senators only for the name of the individual or corporation receiving the contract, the maximum value, the method of payment and two or three lines describing the nature of work to be done.

Makhlouf also confirmed on the stand what she had told the RCMP, that Duffy did not stand out among senators in terms of how much or how little detail he provided about his contracts.

Bayne noted the Senate implemented a stricter procurement policy in November 2011, but that was after the contracts were given to Donohue.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to the charges he's facing.

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CATCHING UP

Duffy, a former broadcast journalist who began his Senate career as a star Conservative recruit in January 2009, is facing 31 charges, including fraud, breach of trust and bribery related to living and travel expenses, contracts and receiving a cheque from Nigel Wright, former chief of staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

He was suspended without pay along with fellow Conservatives Patrick Brazeau and Pamela Wallin in November 2013.

Former Liberal senator Mac Harb had resigned earlier that summer.

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> **"This contract that you've approved and the commitment of public funds for all 105 senators, you don't know what actual work was done at all in the contracts?**
>
> Defence lawyer Donald Bayne during the questioning of Senate HR officer Sonia Makhlouf

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Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa says there will be no "extreme measures" in the upcoming budget as the government moves to eliminate a $10.9-billion deficit.
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No extremes in budget, Sousa says

PROVINCE

Finance minister to unveil details next week

There will be no "extreme measures" in the upcoming Ontario budget as the government moves to eliminate a $10.9-billion deficit, although there will be changes to the way beer is sold, says Finance Minister Charles Sousa.

"I can assure you that change is brewing in Ontario," Sousa said Tuesday when asked about the Beer Store's virtual monopoly on sales in the province.

Details will have to wait for the April 23 budget, he added.

Job creation is the top budget priority, insisted Sousa, who said a "large component" of his fiscal blueprint will involve possible asset sales in addition to the changes to alcohol distribution.

"It's all about creating more jobs and economic growth, and the entire budget of 2015 will be around that very issue," Sousa said. "Part of that is to unleash and harness the values of our Crown corporations."

A government-appointed panel chaired by former TD Bank chief Ed Clark has been looking at assets such as Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation and the Liquor Control Board, and Sousa said it will be releasing its report before the budget.

The Liberal government has been signalling for months that change is coming to alcohol distribution and the Beer Store, a foreign-owned consortium.

Any money raised from a sale Crown corporations, including a portion of Hydro One, for example, would go towards the Liberals' 10-year, $130-billion plan to invest in infrastructure, said Sousa.

"We have a requirement to invest in infrastructure, in roads and bridges and public transit, and that means finding ways to fund it, and one of those ways is to unlock the value of some of our Crown corporations today," he said.
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Ontario's fiscal plan will be tabled just two days after the federal budget is introduced in Ottawa.

TRIBUNAL

Lawyer gets the boot over fake documents

An Ontario lawyer has been disbarred after fabricating a series of court orders and emails involving one of his clients.

The Law Society Tribunal of Ontario has revoked Brian Douglas Nicholson's licence to practise law and ordered him to pay $10,000 in costs to the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Nicholson was running his own practice which dealt in construction law and civil litigation.

In 2012 and 2013, he was representing Robert Danninger, the head of a company named Daros Flooring Constructions, which was pursuing four different claims against another firm, called Lafarge Canada.

An agreed statement of facts filed in Nicholson's case states Danninger asked him to commence an action against Lafarge but Nicholson never actually followed through with it, despite telling his client he was doing so.

Nicholson went on to fabricate a series of documents, including fake court orders issued under the names of real judges, and fake emails from court staff. Nicholson said, in the agreed statement of facts, that he was going through a divorce and was "somewhat depressed" when he was asked to handle the Lafarge matter.

He said he realized he may be "in over his head" and also had "fears and insecurities" about a "potentially threatening situation" though he did not explain the basis for that fear. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Driver to do harassment training

BLUELINE TAXI

Woman says cabbie's comments were 'hurtful'

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

A taxi driver who allegedly asked a female passenger to have an affair with him during a ride will not be suspended or disbarred, Ottawa's largest taxi company said Tuesday.

After Jaclyn Moneypenny experienced what she described as a "traumatic" cab ride with the Blueline Taxi driver last week, she complained and then took to Twitter to air her frustration.

The driver allegedly made comments on her appearance before asking if she was sexually active with her boyfriend.

She told Metro she was offended by the cabbie's "hurtful" comments which have discouraged her from taking another taxi.

Hanif Patni, head of Coventry Connections, said after the driver was interviewed, the incident was entered on his record and he will also undergo anti-harassment training in the coming days.

He is a veteran Blueline driver who had no prior issues, according to Patni.

Moneypenny said Tuesday she is satisfied with the action taken by the taxi company, but believes this is not an isolated incident.

She claims she has been contacted by at least 10 women by email and on social media about harassment in Ottawa taxis.

> **"We're not saying we're perfect."**
> Hanif Patni

"The stories are numerous and it's very common for victims of sexual harassment not to file a complaint," she said.

Although she is satisfied with the corrective action, her battle is not yet over.

Moneypenny said she is trying to set up a meeting with Patni, the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW), and other community groups to help improve the process for taxi-related complaints and for anti-harassment training in the taxi industry.

"We are welcoming them to come in and understand what we do today. We're not saying we're perfect," said Patni. "But if we have to change our policies and procedures, well, this is a perfect way of doing it."

An Ottawa woman is encouraging the taxi industry to work on anti-harassment training for cabbies . ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

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CRIME

Man stabbed intervening in cyclist-car dispute

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After a serious case of road rage that led to a stabbing, Ottawa police are urging residents to not intervene in serious disputes and to let them do the dirty work.

During Monday afternoon rush hour, a 37-year-old driver of a pickup truck was stabbed in the arm, possibly with a knife, after he got involved in a road rage incident between a cyclist and people in a car on Rideau Street.

"Getting involved into a situation will always increase (risk to) your personal safety," said Const. Chuck Benoit.

"You don't know if there's a weapon involved, what is the characteristics of the suspect, is he a black belt, is he psychotic, is he on drugs? It's very hard to know just by looking at somebody."

Police say the driver of the pick-up truck saw an exchange between the female cyclist and the people in a Toyota car and eventually intervened.

Police say the pick-up truck and Toyota stopped at a nearby parking lot at the intersection of King Edward Avenue.

A dispute broke out, and, according to police, the passenger in the Toyota stabbed the driver of the pick-up truck in the arm.

As the suspect left, he then used a tool to damage the door post on the truck's passenger side.

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The victim was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. There have been no arrests.

It's in our human nature to try to help someone in need, but doing so can make you a victim, too, Benoit warned. Police would prefer members of the public to dial 911 instead of picking a fight.

"If you're able to take a picture and we're able to gather enough evidence from that picture to assist the investigation, we'll be very, very happy. But the personal safety of people is always paramount," said Benoit.

An image of the suspect. COURTESY OTTAWA POLICE

CRIME

Police seek armed gas-station robber

Police are looking to the public to help them identify the person they say is responsible for two recent armed robberies at nearby gas stations.

On March 15, police say a man with a knife went into a gas station on the 700 block of March Road and demanded cash and cigarettes. The person behind the counter agreed to the demands and the suspect fled the scene.

Five days later, police say, the same man struck again at a gas station along the 3700 block of March Road. Like in the first early-morning robbery, police say the man had a knife and demanded cash and cigarettes.

On Tuesday, police released video surveillance images of the suspect they say was involved in both robberies.

He is described as being between the ages of 40 and 50, about five-foot-eight, slim build with graying hair and a moustache. METRO

INJURIES

No one was injured in either incident.
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IN BRIEF

Firefighters tackle highrise blaze
A part of Richmond Road was closed Tuesday afternoon after Ottawa firefighters put out a highrise fire in an apartment building.

Fire crews responded to 465 Richmond Rd. just after 12:20 p.m. after multiple 911 callers reported flames coming from the building.

Flames could be seen from the 14th floor.

About an hour later, firefighters had the fire under control.

Police closed Richmond Road between Broadview and Golden avenues for several hours.

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Sens Mile will be rockin' for game 1

PLAYOFFS

Want a bar stool? You'd better leave work early

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

If you're sporting a red jersey, face paint and vying for a Sens Mile seat on Wednesday, then you better leave work early — or call in sick.

Elgin Street is bound to be busy for the first game of the playoff series against the Montreal Canadiens.

At least one pub employee said the crowd will slowly start gathering in the early afternoon, with daytime drinkers getting into the Sens spirit on patios.

By 5 p.m., the Sens Mile will be a sea of red, with flags hanging from windows and a boisterous crowd cheering for their team to crush the Habs.

It would be wise to show up for dinner and stick around until the 7 p.m. puck drop, according to bar owners.

City officials opened the Sens Mile on Sunday afternoon after the Ottawa Senators clinched a playoff spot.

Hooley's Pub, the Lieutenant's Pump, MacLaren's, Sir John A Pub, St. Louis Bar and Grill, the Fox and Feather, the Standard and Woody's are among the Sens Mile venues.

The Ottawa Senators are facing the Habs in the first round, with many believing the series will be long and heated.

METRO GETS IN THE GAME

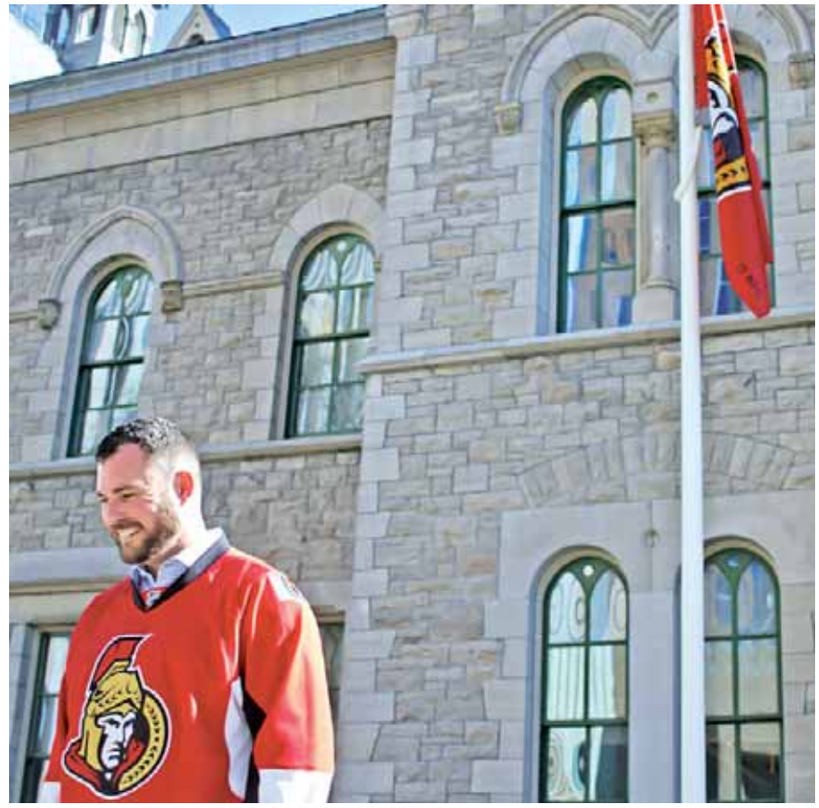
The Habs-Sens stakes have been raised.

Because the mayors of Ottawa and Montreal are placing bets on the first round of the series, Metro newspapers in both cities are adding another wager to the table.

The editor of the losing city's Metro newspaper must wear the jersey of the winning team for a photo. That photo must be published in the losing city's newspaper, with a congratulatory note, and sent to the winning city's newspaper for print.

Métro Montréal editor Nicolas Faucher will face off against Metro Ottawa's incoming managing editor Steve Rennie.

On Monday, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre agreed to a bet where the losing city would have to fly the winning city's flag and wear their jersey to a city council meeting. METRO



TEAM PLAYER FLYING THE FLAG FOR THE SENS Coun. Jody Mitic stands outside City Hall Tuesday after an Ottawa Senators flag was raised in support of the team in this year's NHL playoffs. The Sens face the Montreal Canadiens Wednesday. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

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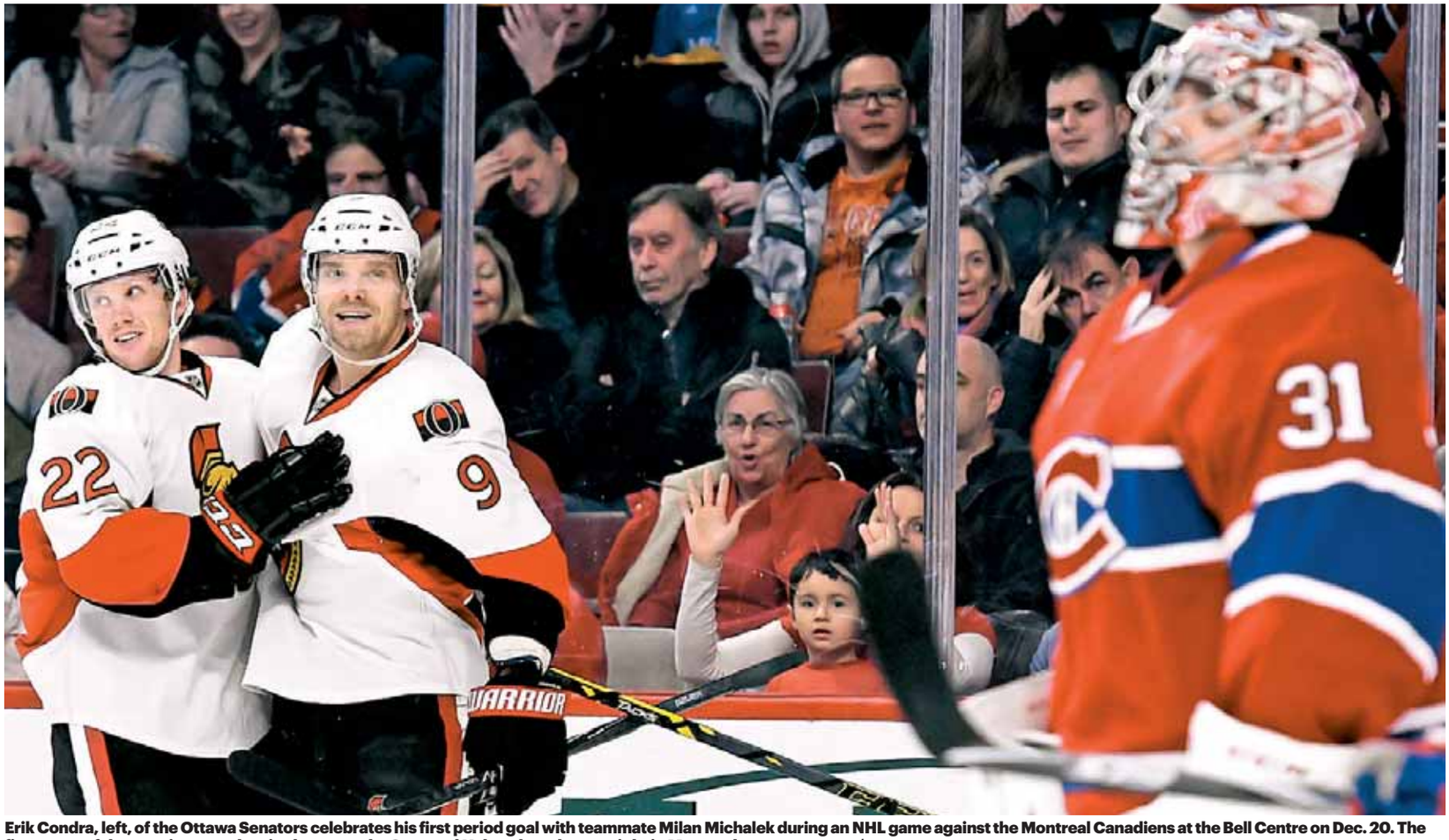

Erik Condra, left, of the Ottawa Senators celebrates his first period goal with teammate Milan Michalek during an NHL game against the Montreal Canadiens at the Bell Centre on Dec. 20. The first game of the opening round series between the Sens and Habs takes place tonight in Montreal. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

Experts expect a tough series

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Metro spoke to NHL analysts, media for their predictions

Nicholas Hodge
For Metro

Hockey experts agree that the first-round playoff series between the Ottawa Senators and Montreal Canadiens will be long and full of star power.

Starting Wednesday night the two teams will meet in the post-season for the first time since the Senators beat the Habs in a notoriously aggressive 2013 series.

While the four experts Metro talked to on Tuesday doubt that the series will be as rough as 2013, they say it will be competitive because of showdowns between elite defencemen Erik Karlsson and P.K. Subban and two of the hottest goalies in the league.

DAN ROBERTSON

Dan Robertson is the voice of the Habs on TSN 690 Montreal.

Prediction: Habs in six games

Why they have the edge: Low-scoring games and a Montreal goalie that's good at keeping them that way.

"As great as (Andrew) Hammond has been, and the numbers are really amazing, I don't think you can bet against Carey Price," said Robertson. "The Canadiens feed off his demeanour and calmness."

While Robertson thinks that Montreal will come out on top, he is confident that Ottawa's captain Erik Karlsson will have one of the strongest performances in the series.

"Between these two teams, I think it's going to be really good," he said. "Ottawa has done a good job of getting under the Canadiens' skin."

"They are going to make it an aggressive and emotional series," Robertson added.

ARY MAHARAJ

Ary Maharaj is a writer on the Sens fan blog, Silver Seven.

Prediction: Sens in six games

Why they have the edge: Energy from the Senators' young players and their fan base.

"I think there's a lot of things to like about this fan base and this team," he said. "There's a lot of heart in the line from Bryan Murray after Mark Reeds' passing, 'let's win it all'."

Maharaj says that the rivalry between the teams will not become as aggressive as their playoff meeting in 2013 that included a line brawl and name-calling.

He still expects to see some drama between rival fans.

"The playoff ticket thing has already started bad blood between the fan bases," said Maharaj, referring to the Senators decision to limit ticket sales to buyers outside of their area. "Ottawa is always going to be criticized for having an inferiority complex."

MARC DUMONT

Marc Dumont writes for Eyes on the Prize, a blog for Habs fans.

Prediction: Sens in seven games

Why they have the edge: The Sens have better puck possession stats.

"In hockey history possession advantage is the number one factor in determining winning teams," said Dumont, who predicts we will see a long and rough series but isn't expecting as much "goonery" as 2013's post-season match-up produced.

A showdown Dumont is excited to see is between P.K. Subban and Erik Karlsson. He regards them as the two best defencemen in the league despite both teams occasionally having sketchy zone coverage.

"In any other season Subban would have cruised to a Norris (Trophy) but not in a year where Karlsson decided to become the best player in the league.

"(Erik) Karlsson is going to cruise to another Norris trophy."

STEPHEN WHYNO

Stephen Whyno, NHL reporter for the Canadian Press

Prediction: Sens in seven games

Why they have the edge: Ottawa is entering the series with strong emotions and have an ability to get inside the Habs' heads.

However, the potential return of Montreal's leading scorer Max Pacioretty combined with the proven skills of Carey Price and P.K. Subban make his prediction a tough call.

"I think a long series would be fun and I would expect that," said Whyno. "At this point I would expect Ottawa to win but have no certainty at all."

Whether the Habs or the Sens win the series, neither will stand much of a chance against the Tampa Bay Lightning, their likely opponents in the second round, according to Whyno.

"I think the Tampa Bay Lightning have to be the favourite in the Eastern Conference," he said.

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WIG SALON: 264 free wigs provided to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. This program relies solely on the support of volunteers who assist with scheduling, wig cleaning and wig fitting. 69% increase over the previous year.

WHEELS OF HOPE PROGRAM: $50,000 committed to our volunteer driven and family transportation programs assisting 63 children and 263 adults with 6,114 trips to cancer related appointments.

PEER SUPPORT: 112 cancer patients and caregivers in our community were connected with a trained volunteer who has had a similar experience.

RELIABLE INFORMATION: In excess of 20,000 printed materials distributed in Ottawa with cancer and prevention information.

CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE: More than 1,300 calls from Ottawa residents to 1-888-939-3333 answering cancer related questions and linking clients to support services. This free service is available in 120 languages to all Ontarians.

SMOKERS' HELPLINE: 415 Ottawans called 1-877-513-5333 to receive free, personalized support, advice and information about quitting smoking and tobacco use.

"My volunteer experience with the Canadian Cancer Society has been very rewarding. It's a good feeling when you're helping, in some small way, someone whose going through a difficult time. Clients are so grateful for the Wheels of Hope Program. I'm also very hopeful when I see advancements being made in treatments, due to research funding." Ann Dimillo, Volunteer

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EDUCATION

Tories behind sex-ed protests: Liberals

Conservative groups are fuelling the vocal opposition to Ontario's new sex-education curriculum, Liberal Education Minister Liz Sandals said Tuesday as thousands of people protested outside the legislature.

The protesters' ranks swelled from a couple hundred at a similar rally in February to several thousand on Tuesday. In that time, said Sandals, the opposition to the sex-ed curriculum has become overwhelmingly Conservative.

"The correspondence that I received initially on this issue was very much parents who might have been misinformed about the details of the curriculum, but who were genuinely concerned," she said.

"I also got a lot of extraordinarily offensive homophobic correspondence, which I would not repeat in public. But the last week or two, the correspondence I've been receiving from some of the groups that are out there organizing the protest have turned into, 'We have to fight the Liberal curriculum because the Liberals didn't consult with Conservative groups.'"

The sex-ed curriculum was last updated in 1998, before smartphones were ubiquitous or sexting had been invented.

Now, Grade 3 students will learn about same-sex relationships, kids in Grades 4 and up will learn more about the dangers of online bullying, while the dangers of sexting will come in Grade 7.

Lessons about puberty will move from Grade 5 to Grade 4, while masturbation and "gender expression" are mentioned in the Grade 6 curriculum.

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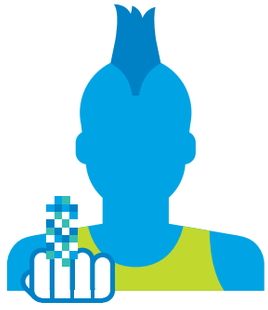

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Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi arrives at Ottawa for a state visit on Tuesday. Modi is in Canada for a three-day visit.

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Modi visit is a 'win-win' for Harper

DIPLOMACY

Trip is a broad visit with domestic overtones

From trade, to energy, to the environment, to security, to culture, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will have no shortage of topics to discuss with visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the next three days.

Harper will also have an unspoken domestic political dividend — boosting his party's standing with Canada's 1.2 million Indo-Canadians as an October federal election looms.

After a formal meeting Wednesday in Ottawa, Harper will accompany the charismatic Modi to Toronto and Vancouver and will have no fewer than 16 fellow Conservatives appearing with them at various events, from cabinet ministers to MPs.

A number of prominent federal Conservative MPs, including Defence Minister Jason Kenney and Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre, were on hand to greet the Indian prime minister when his plane touched in Ottawa.

"This seems to be a win-win situation for Harper," said Roland Paris, the founding director of the University of Ottawa's Centre for International Policy Studies.

"He can promote deeper economic and diplomatic links with India while also scoring political points at home with the Indo-Canadian community."

Harper's fondness for diaspora politics is well known. His tough talk towards Russia is seen as a way of courting the 1.2 million Canadians of Ukrainian descent, for instance.

Last year Harper highlighted the pre-eminence of Indian immigration during a major speech in Toronto.

"Today, India is Canada's top source country for immigrants," he said. "And this explains why Canada's Indo-Canadian community is over 1.2 million strong and continuing to grow."

But Kasi Rao, a vice president of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, said the Indo-Canadian community is no more uniform in its voting habits than any other segment of Canadians.

"The Indo-Canadian community has made strides in all parties in Canada, federally and provincially and I think the community has now deepened in Canada," he said.

It is exactly those deep roots that can allow progress in a number of key economic areas, including boosting trade and investment as well as ever-expanding post-secondary education exchanges, he said.

Finalizing a deal — now two years in the making — that would see Saskatchewan's Cameco Corp export peaceful nuclear material to India will also be a major priority.

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Visit renews ties

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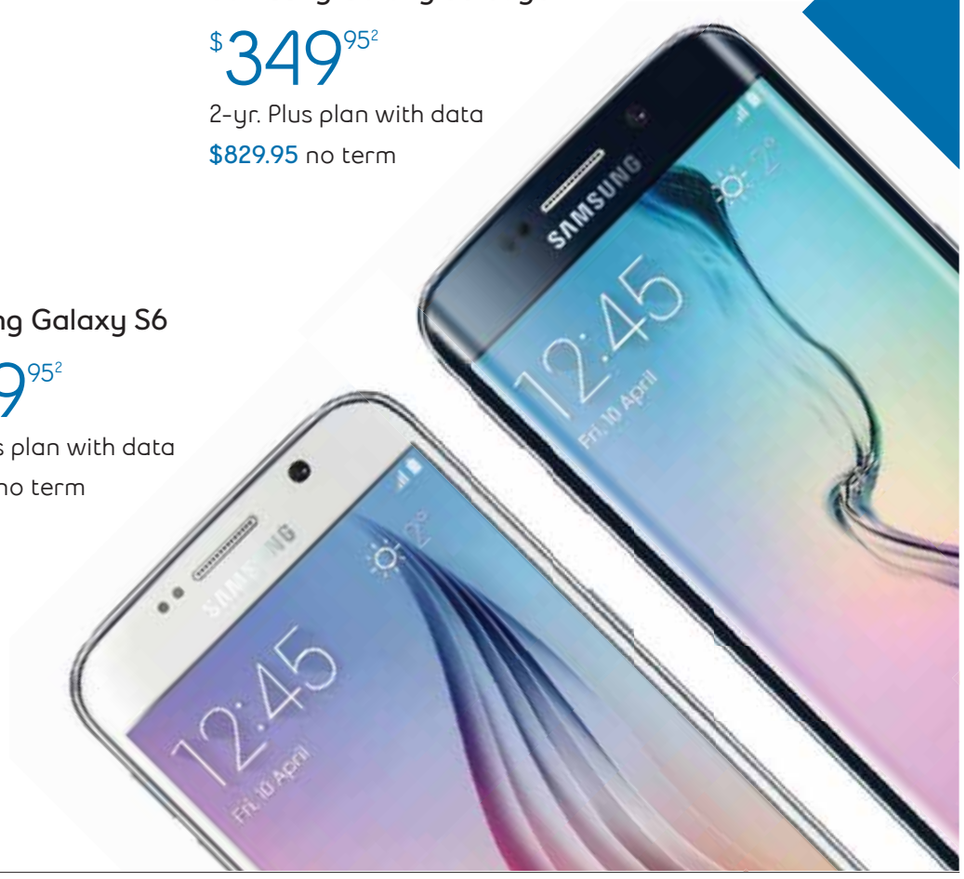

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BREWERIES

Bentley eyes Beer Store

Local brews coming to the Beer Store? Ottawa-based Bentley Brewers is hoping you'll drink to that.

The brewery's Copper Lager has been available at some Ottawa Beer Store locations since April 4.

Despite recent criticism of the Beer Store and LBCO by producers and customers who'd like to see sales expand in the province, Bentley Brewers said they support the current system in a release issued on Tuesday.

"It would be very difficult for any other system to match The Beer Store's efficiency and product selection, while remaining equitable to all suppliers," brewmaster Daniel Herweyer said in a statement. METRO

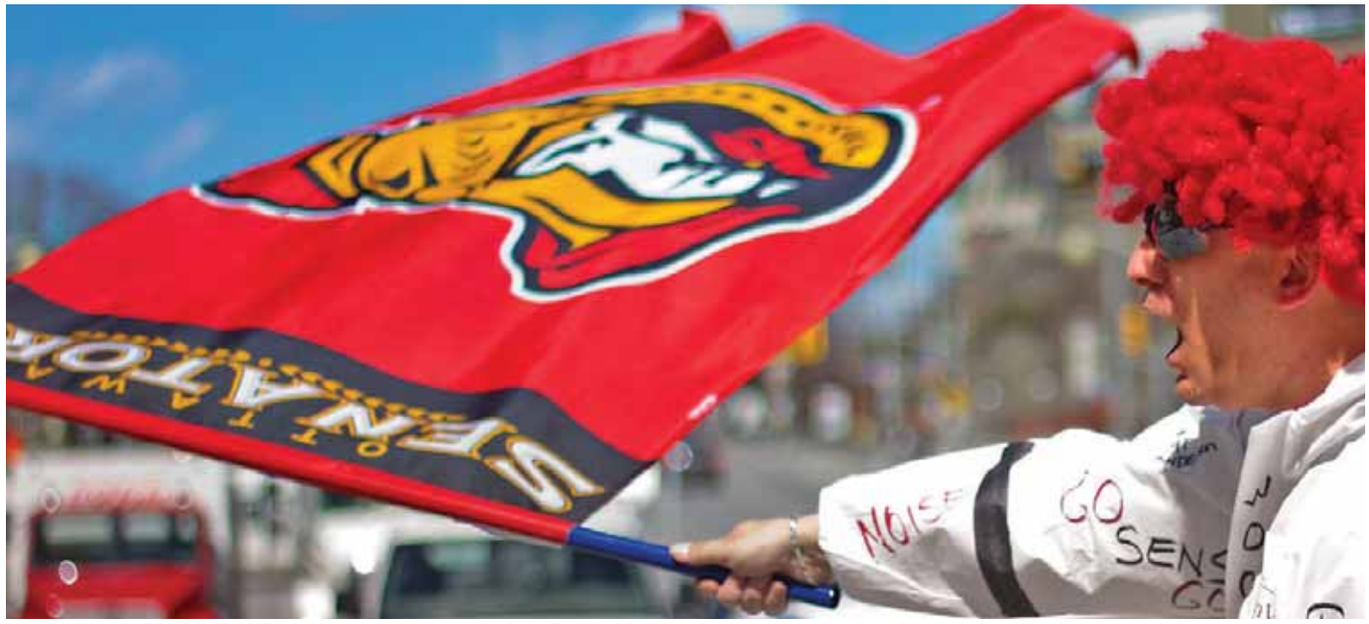
IN BRIEF

A rare look inside an Ottawa jail cell

Former prisoners and criminal system experts will offer their perspectives on life behind bars at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre on Wednesday evening.

The Criminalization and Punishment Education Project (CPEP) — a group of frontline workers, Carleton University and University of Ottawa researchers, former prisoners and their families – is holding the event at Jean Pigott Place at Ottawa City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The event will examine how conditions have changed over the 18 months since the CPEP's last forum on jail crowding. METRO



NHL PLAYOFFS TRUE COLOURS Rob, an Ottawa Senators fan who wouldn't give his last name, waves a flag and cheers in the centre of Elgin Street on Tuesday, much to the delight of vehicles driving by, who honked and cheered in support. The Senators begin the playoffs on Wednesday. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

'Ghettoizing' low-income areas must end: Councillor

CITY HALL

Diane Deans says a better strategy is to be comprehensive

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

The City of Ottawa should scatter its social housing, rather than "ghettoize" lower income communities, according to a councillor.

Speaking to the planning committee on Tuesday, Coun. Diane Deans said Ottawa should use the $48.3-million affordable housing plan to think ahead.

"This is a good jumping off point for us to consider our overall housing strategy," she said. "I think now is the time to create a more comprehensive strategy for housing and to make Ottawa a leader."

The planning committee approved the plan — which includes $48.3 million in federal and provincial funding — for affordable housing over six years.

The City of Ottawa will supply an additional $6.9 million in contingency funding between 2015 and 2020.

The city already has approval for two "quick start" affordable housing projects totaling $5 million: A 41-unit facility in the Longfields neighbourhood of Barrhaven and a six-unit, two-storey townhouse in the Michele Heights community.

None of the funding can be used for repairs to existing community housing.

In response to Deans's comments, Aaron Burry, the general manager of community and social services, said the city is talking about alternative social housing solutions for the future.

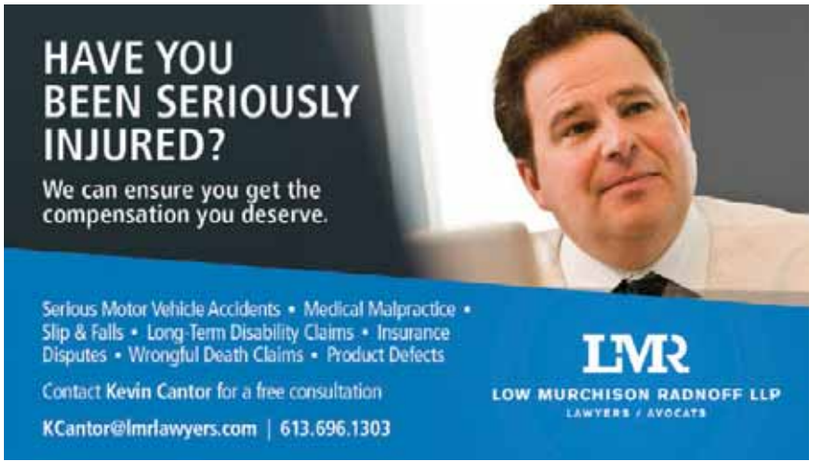
According to a city report, Ottawa's wait list for affordable rental housing was 10,224 at the end of last year. Families with children represent the largest portion and have a median wait time of four years. Further, the average age length of shelter stays increased from 98 nights to 105 nights over the past two years.

The affordable housing plan will go to council for approval on April 29.

THE PLAN

Here's how the city plans to direct the $48.3 million housing plan money:

- $35.7 million will be used to build 300 new social housing units
- A $5.4 million chunk will be invested in low-income seniors' housing.
- $5 million will go to rent supplements and/or housing allowances ($1 million per year).
- $2.16 million will cover administration costs.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Vets fight for medical pot

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Former soldier pushing to meet with minister

Former soldiers who want timely access to medical marijuana say they are undeterred despite having been denied a meeting with Veterans Affairs Minister Erin O'Toole.

Retired corporal Clayton Goodwin, who represents a group known as Veterans for the Use of Medical Marijuana, was shut out of O'Toole's stakeholder meeting Tuesday at the Canadian War Museum.

A spokesperson for the minister said Veteran Affairs staff have spoken with Goodwin and are setting up a one-on-one meeting.

"There isn't a lot of blame to be placed on Veteran Affairs, they're working," Goodwin said.

"It's more that we need to work towards ending stigma and shame and get more voices in a room because I'm not aware if we're ever brought up in there."

Erin O'Toole, Minister of Veterans Affairs, takes part in the Veterans Affairs stakeholder summit in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veteran Affairs data shows the number of ex-soldiers eligible for medical marijuana jumped to 601 in the last year, up from 116 the previous year.

Those veterans are facing unacceptable delays in procuring the drug and the government is taking too long to reimburse them, he added.

"If everyone is in (the meeting) representing some section of the Veteran Affairs file, I would like to know if we're being represented.

> **In areas where there are challenges, let's ... not shy away**
> Erin O'Toole

"Because if we're not, that's 600 silent voices."

O'Toole, meanwhile, said Veteran Affairs will be hiring more than 100 new disability benefits staff, speeding up the application process — and complimenting the more than 100 new case workers announced earlier this week.

In the meeting, the minister did not specifically address the issue of medical marijuana for veterans. O'Toole also said he wants Veterans Affairs to strive for service excellence and to work closely with the Canadian Armed Forces.

"We want everything we do to be 'veteran-centric,' having the veteran and their family at the core of everything we do," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Ontario cuts number of moose tags for hunters

Ontario will issue fewer moose tags to hunters this year and delay the start of next year's hunting season by a week across much of the north because of declining populations.

The number of moose tags for resident hunters will be cut by 15 per cent across the province, while the hunting season for moose calves in northern Ontario will be shortened this year.

A total of 11,428 tags will be available when Ontario's moose draw opens April 21.

The Ministry of Natural Resources says Ontario's moose population peaked around 2000, and blames several reasons for the decline: Wolves, climate change, habitat loss, hunting and disease.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters had urged the government not to reduce the number of moose tags or shorten the season. Aerial surveys show a decrease in the moose population in 15 "wildlife management units."

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POLITICS WHEN HOCKEY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COLLIDE
Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, from the left, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger are seen at an interprovincial summit on climate change in Quebec City on Tuesday holding sweaters from their province's teams that will participate in the NHL playoffs. The goal of the meeting was to show Canadians how their leaders were uniting to fight the effects of climate change, but it also highlighted their differences. While provinces such as Ontario and Quebec are working on cap-and-trade carbon emissions, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said that Canada should be focusing on creating clean-coal technology.
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Student pleads for refugee camp

CONFLICT

Kenyan leaders move to close Dadaab in wake of attacks

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Hassan Mohamed was only two when his family settled into Dadaab refugee camp in northern Kenya, fleeing civil war that was ravaging Somalia.

He left in 2012 and came to Toronto as a student. His parents and five siblings remain in the camp, "living in real terror," Mohamed said, as the UN refugee agency pleads with the Kenyan government to keep it open.

"Closing that camp and sending people back in Somalia is like throwing them into a burning fire," Mohamed said Tuesday amid reports of more violent deaths in his homeland.

"These refugees are no lesser victims of al-Shabab."

Leaders in Kenya have ordered Dadaab be closed and more than 500,000 refugees relocated in the wake of an April 2 attack that killed nearly 150 students at Garissa University College.

Officials suspect members of al-Shabab — a militant Islamist group — are hiding in the refugee camp, the world's largest.

Kenya's vice-president has said the country needs to change "the way America changed after 9/11."

Mohamed hopes to see more security measures instead of drastic action at Dadaab — a place he holds dear.

"That camp raised me and made me who I am today," said the third-year University of Guelph accounting and computer student.

"I don't think closing it down will solve Kenya's security problems."

UN REACTS

Consequences to closure
Closing the camp would cause "extreme humanitarian and practical consequences," the UN refugee agency said.

> **Closing that camp and sending people back in Somalia is like throwing them into a burning fire.**
> Hassan Mohamed

TEN PEOPLE KILLED IN SOMALIA AFTER AL-SHABAB ATTACK ON EDUCATION MINISTRY; FLIP TO WORLD FOR COVERAGE

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SUPREME COURT DECISION

PM's tough-on-crime agenda dealt blow

The Supreme Court of Canada dealt the Harper government's tough-on-crime agenda a serious blow Tuesday by striking down a law requiring mandatory-minimum sentences for gun crimes.

The 6-3 ruling, penned by Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, said the statute was unconstitutional as it upheld a 2013 Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that labelled the law cruel and unusual.

The court said the mandatory-minimum sentence could ensnare people with "little or no moral fault" and who pose "little or no danger to the public." It cited, as an example, a person who inherits a firearm and does not immediately get a license for the weapon.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay said in a statement that the government will review the decision to determine "next steps towards protecting Canadians from gun crime and ensuring that our laws remain responsive."
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No coalition with Mulcair: Trudeau

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says he would "maybe" be open to the idea of forming a coalition with the NDP if Tom Mulcair was not running the party.

Asked on Tuesday whether having someone other than Mulcair as leader would change the dynamic in terms of a coalition between the two parties, Trudeau replied: "I don't know.... Maybe, but maybe not.

"(Mulcair's) style is anchored in the old way of practising politics. Politics needs to be about rallying. And we have very different perspectives on how politics should be practised."

Some recent polls have suggested the possibility of a minority government in Ottawa after this fall's election. Mulcair reiterated his openness last month to a possible coalition with the Liberals.

On Tuesday, Trudeau rejected the idea of a coalition.

"I'm not interested at all in any formal arrangement," said the Liberal leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canadian troops in Ukraine won't be in harm's way: Government
The Harper government went to extra lengths Tuesday to make it clear Canadian military trainers will not be in harm's way when they deploy to western Ukraine to school battle-weary formations in the finer points of combat. The U.S.-led mission is unlikely to raise the temperature of the simmering conflict in eastern Europe, but that could change if the U.S., Canada and other nations decide to permanently base troops in places like Poland and the Baltic states, which NATO is being urged to do.
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Paul McCartney urges end to commercial seal hunt
Former Beatles frontman Paul McCartney is calling again for an end to Canada's East Coast commercial seal hunt, roiling supporters who say it's a humane source of cash for struggling outports.

McCartney appeals for a stop to what he calls a "senseless slaughter" in a statement released Tuesday by Humane Society International. The group plans to document the hunt on film.
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Hope fades for return of kidnapped Nigerian girls

BOKO HARAM

New president offers no promises

They have been gone a year now, the hundreds of girls abducted by Islamic militants from their school in northeastern Nigeria.

And while the cry to "Bring Back Our Girls" remains a worldwide cause, the new president Tuesday would not repeat his predecessor's failed promise to find them — only that they won't be forgotten.

A solemn march was held to remember the 219 girls seized from their boarding school in Chibok by gunmen from the Boko Haram extremist group. In Nigeria's capital of Abuja, 219 girls paraded in the streets, with each carrying a placard bearing the name of a kidnap victim.

"We believe the girls are still alive," said Dr. Allan Manasseh, the brother of missing 18-year-old Maryamu Wavi, in an interview with The Associated Press.

But it was clear that hope has dwindled a year after the April 14-15 mass abduction.

President-elect Muhammadu Buhari said he must be honest about the prospects of getting the missing girls back to their families.

"We do not know if the Chibok girls can be rescued. Their whereabouts remain unknown," Buhari said in a statement. "

As much as I wish to, I cannot promise that we can find them."

The statement by Buhari, a former military ruler of Nigeria who was elected last month and takes over May 29, is a marked departure from President Goodluck Jonathan.

After Jonathan's administration initially denied there had even been a kidnapping, he made repeated hollow promises that the girls would be rescued.

Campaigners have replaced the slogan of "Bring Back Our Girls — Now and Alive!" with a new one: "Never to be forgotten."

Still, some of the marchers Tuesday held the new leadership accountable.

"We are here to appeal to the government to do better. We want our girls now and alive," said Solamipe Onifade, 16.

A vigil was held after sundown, with people holding candles and singing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Young girls known as Chibok Ambassadors, carry placards bearing the names of the girls kidnapped from the government secondary school in Chibok, a year ago, during a demonstration, in Abuja, Nigeria, Tuesday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOMALIA

Ten killed in attack on school ministry

Ten people were killed on Tuesday in an assault on the offices of Somalia's education ministry and seven attackers were also killed, said a government spokesman.

The fatalities include eight civilians and two soldiers, said spokesman Ridwan Haji Abdiweli.

Police later secured the Ministry of Higher Education office complex, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein, a senior police officer.

The attackers stormed the education ministry's offices after a suicide car bomber detonated his vehicle at the gate of the complex, opening the way for gunmen to enter, said Hussein.

The assault on the walled compound, which also houses other government ministries, is the latest attack by suspected Islamic extremists of al-Shabab, who are maintaining a series of attacks in the capital on government targets and the African Union forces who are supporting the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Toy tester shutting down
The Canadian Toy Testing Council. a volunteer organization that for decades has given parents independent advice on which toys are best for their children, is closing its doors effective the end of June. Under financial pressure for years, the council's board of directors voted last month to cease operations following an exhaustive but vain search for new sponsors.
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Spectrum auction starts
Smaller players in Canada's wireless market will likely gain a little ground on the telecom companies through Ottawa's latest auctioning of spectrum, which began Tuesday, says an industry expert. The airwaves cover spectrum used to provide high-bandwidth functions like streaming video to smartphones but also for home Internet service in rural areas where wired service is unavailable.
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More Canadians cut cord: Report

TELEVISION

Another 95,000 households left last year, says tracking group

More Canadians are choosing to cancel their cable TV and satellite packages, and a new report suggests there's no sign of the migration slowing down. The Convergence Consulting Group says about 95,000 fewer households had a cable TV or satellite subscription at the end of 2014, compared with 2013.

By those estimates, more than 21 per cent of Canadian households or 3.09 million homes did not have a cable TV or satellite TV subscription at the end of last year.

"These are very strong drops in TV," said Brahm Eiley, president of Convergence Consulting, a Toronto-based firm that collects extensive data on the North American cable and phone industries.

Growth in the Canadian TV market was steady from 2007 to 2011, with annual subscriber additions averaging about 220,000 households, Eiley said. But in 2013, a change in direction started to emerge, with the number of TV subscriptions falling by 13,000.

This year, Eiley expects the industry will lose another 97,000, as the shift continues at a stronger clip.

Several factors are at work in the decline, Eiley suggested. Some younger households never signed up for TV services, which pulls down net subscriber numbers, while more households that once paid for cable are putting their cash toward video-streaming services like Netflix instead.
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A new report says more Canadians are becoming comfortable watching content through other platforms and are cancelling their TV packages. NETFLIX INC/ THE CANADIAN PRESS-AP

SUBSCRIBER BASE

Canadians streaming to Netflix, report says
The report estimates Netflix subscribers grew to 3.9 million last year in Canada, an increase from three million in 2013.

The big telecoms have been fighting back, with competing services like Shomi from Rogers and Shaw, and CraveTV from Bell and its partners, including Telus, Bell Aliant and Eastlink.

The study also found more Canadians are becoming comfortable watching content through other Internet platforms, whether it's through the web platforms of TV channels like CTV and CBC or illegal downloads through torrent websites.
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PUBLISHING

Library group lists controversial books

At least one part of the publishing world has a diverse slate of authors: the books most likely to be pulled from library and school shelves.

The American Library Association on Monday released its annual list of the 10 books receiving the most complaints from parents, educators and others in the local community.

Sherman Alexie's prize-winning autobiographical novel of school life, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, ranked No. 1, followed by Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel Persepolis and the picture book about two male penguins raising a baby penguin, Peter Parnell's and Justin Richardson's And Tango Makes Three.

Others on the list include Toni Morrison's debut novel The Bluest Eye, Khaled Hosseini's million-selling novel The Kite Runner and Jaycee Dugard's bestselling memoir about her kidnapping, A Stolen Life.

Several of the authors listed were either non-whites — even though just a small percentage of books released each year are by non-whites — or writers of books with gay, lesbian or transgender themes.

Reasons for books being challenged ranged from "cultural insensitivity" in Alexie's novel, in which the author draws upon his experiences as an American Indian at a virtually all-white high school, to "promotes the homosexual agenda" in And Tango Makes Three.

Common complaints include explicit sex, violence, references to drugs and alcohol and offensive language.
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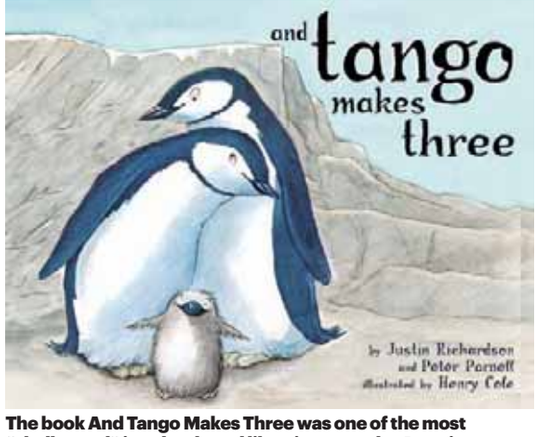

The book And Tango Makes Three was one of the most "challenged" in schools and libraries, says the American Library Association. SIMON & SCHUSTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS

Tech industry upset over laws that favour patent-holders

The same week that Alex Haro and Chris Hulls raised $50 million US for their mobile app, Life360, the business partners got a letter. It said they had three days to pay licensing fees to a company they had never heard of because their app violated its patented technology.

Haro and Hulls traced the company, Advanced Ground Information Systems, to a coastal home in Jupiter, Fla., with a phone number that initially went to an anonymous voicemail. They couldn't find any employees on LinkedIn.

On the other side of that letter was Malcolm "Cap" Beyer Jr., a 76-year-old who had filed patents a decade ago on cellphone mapping. He said his attorney told him that he had a strong case against the startup, even though the general technology had been widely used by other tech companies for years. Beyer insists the mobile app's $50 million US in fundraising had nothing to do with it.

In the end, a jury sided with Life360 on all counts — but not before Haro and Hulls shelled out nearly $1.5 million in legal fees.

U.S. Congress is expected to take up legislation this year that would make it tougher for people like Beyer to claim patent infringement and put them on the hook for legal costs if they lose. The bill has become a top lobbying priority this year for the tech industry, which says it repeatedly fends off frivolous lawsuits because of poorly written software patents and laws that favour patent holders.

But lawmakers have repeatedly stumbled over the issue, which doesn't fall neatly along party lines. America's drugmakers, universities and trial lawyers claim that patents are the lifeblood of American invention and that the current bill goes too far.

The bill aims to toughen requirements when filing patent challenges in court, such as limiting the amount of documentation that can be demanded before a judge makes an initial ruling. The bill also opens the door to a requirement that plaintiffs pay legal bills of the defendants if they lose.

Still opposing the bill, however, are pharmaceutical and biotech companies and universities that say the legislation would make it too tough and expensive for them to protect their patents.

The House will pick up the issue again this week with a hearing of its Judiciary Committee. Among those testifying is Keven Kramer, Yahoo's deputy legal counsel, who estimates the company has spent $100 million US fighting bogus patent lawsuits since 2007.

Not wanting to pay for a protracted legal fight, defendants almost always settle even if they think they'd win. Kramer calls it a vicious cycle — the more companies settle, the more lawsuits are filed.

"It's like a legal version of a mob protection racket," said Noah Theran, a spokesman for the Internet Association, a coalition of web-based companies. "The tactics are different, but the end result is a good old-fashioned shakedown."

Beyer said in a phone interview last week that he's a defence contractor with more than a dozen employees, not "some vile animal that's filing lawsuits" for sport.

"We are simply just trying to enforce our patent," he said.

Beyer's lawyer, Mark Hannemann, denied allegations by Haro that the law firm used Beyer's patents to try to coerce Life360 into a large, quick settlement. He said the company had sought only $3 million US in damages, "which is not a large amount in a patent case." He also alluded to possibly appealing the case, saying "there is, potentially, a long way to go in the process."

"The reason we have a patent system is so inventors like Mr. Beyer can protect their inventions," Hannemann wrote.

Haro said he thinks some kind of legislation is necessary, or else the U.S. economy will suffer. "It shouldn't be so expensive to defend yourself from a completely meritless lawsuit," he said.

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Life360 co-founder and president Alex Haro, seen at his company headquarters in San Francisco on Tuesday, spent nearly $1.5 million US in legal fees to defend their mobile app from a company they had never heard of. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TROLLS

Startups are main target

Businesses that buy up patents with the sole intention of filing lawsuits or demanding licensing fees from tech companies are generally referred to as patent trolls. They usually focus on technical areas like computer chips, cloud computing and wireless routers and particularly target startups around the time of their public offering.

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the big question

What's the 'best before' date with human eggs?

The standard storage period for human eggs is 10 years. Viability is not guaranteed but vitrification (flash-freezing, eggs at -196 C) has more success than slow cooling. Spermatozoa are easier to keep, it seems: normal pregnancies have resulted from 12-year-old samples. Even natural fertility isn't foolproof: sex every two to three days over a year only has an 80 per cent pregnancy rate for women under 40.

To binge or to bond, that is the question

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem

I stopped watching Orange is the New Black the moment I learned my wife cheated on me … by watching it without me.

We enjoyed the first season over a month, curled up on the couch every few nights. That's accelerated viewing to me, a TV grazer, but glacial to the Netflix Queen I married. She met me in the middle, until I left the country. We both did — it was a vacation. But for her, Europe was no match for Season 2.

What's that Milan Kundera quote? "Two people in love, alone, isolated from the world, that's beautiful. But what would they nourish their intimate talk with?" Not television.

Binge-watching has destroyed the shared viewing experience, turning TV like Marvel's Daredevil, dumped on Netflix at midnight Friday, into an individualistic experience. On one hand, it allows you to catch more clues, nuances, and see the inner workings of a show. On the other hand, it dilutes the social pleasure of television discourse.

Even with social media allowing us to have worldwide simultaneous conversations about new shows, the chatter is trite and tends to be either bland praise or useless status updates of which episode users have reached.

Where there's discussion, it's completely out of sync. Imagine J.R. getting shot in the original Dallas, not on the same night, but staggered over weeks or months. That explains why no Netflix or Amazon original programming has yet had a "Red Wedding" moment that infects your social spheres. Though it's not for a lack of trying.

Had House of Cards been offered in 13 courses instead of buffet style, then Francis Underwood throwing Zoe Barnes in front of the train would surely have made a splash at the water-cooler. But who's to say the person waiting to fill up would be ready for such a spoiler? (P.S.: Spoiler alert.)

Cards, like Orange, is another show I abandoned. With so many condensed highs and lows, I'd become desensitized and, well, bored.

Great television shows build audiences over time, with cliffhangers that linger within you and require a social outlet that builds further word of mouth. We saw that with Breaking Bad and True Detective, and we're seeing it now with Empire, the FOX hip-hop opera that increased its audience with each episode until it wrapped up the season last month.

And perhaps we will see that with Netflix's next show in May, the Canadian thriller Between. It's rolling out over six weeks because of a three-way deal with Shomi and City. Tortured subscribers — and married people — might appreciate it in the long run.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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"The micro-living pioneers are the so-called trailer trash"

Small is so chic these days.

There are trend pieces on laneway homes, Nordic cabin trailers, micro condos, and endless feature stories on "innovative" small living spaces that read like some kind of scientific discovery.

Please. Small space living is nothing new, not even in North America. And the original micro-living pioneers are the so-called trailer trash.

"If Bubbles was here I would give him the biggest hug," Cindy MacDonald tells me over the phone from her home in Calgary's Midfield Mobile Home Park.

"Trailer parks need to look out for one another!" the Trailer Park Boys star tweeted earlier this week and asked Mayor Naheed Nenshi to stop the city's plan to evict the park's residents in 2017, due to aging infrastructure.

MacDonald turned to Bubbles as an ironic champion after facing slurs like "trailer trash, whores and druggies," she said, thinking the beloved pop culture epitome of trailer trash might help turn the tide.

MacDonald should never have needed his PR help Mobile homes are perfectly fine homes. They're important sources of affordable housing for seniors and young families, according to a 2007 B.C. study. And they're even on the rise: The 2011 census found movable dwellings (which include mobile homes) are up to 183,510 from 157,560 in 2001.

One new adopter is Isabella Mori, whose custom-built trailer home in Vancouver is so chic it's spawned a newspaper trend story. As if mobile homes weren't a century old.

The trend pieces are "hilarious," agreed Jake Fry, one of the leaders in Vancouver's small-house movement. "(It's) as if someone had stumbled upon an idea not yet utilized, and yet it's probably the most common thing in the world, these type of smaller living environments for families."

We can thank the exorbitant and rising cost of urban housing for adding fuel to the trend. As someone who lives in a 200-square-foot studio apartment, I get the appeal of a pared-down home. Fry even argued the younger generation is motivated to live in smaller spaces by a desire to focus on what they need to be happy, and not what they want, like the Blue Jays' new van-living pitcher Daniel Norris.

Mobile homes aren't a likely option for most cities looking to expand up instead of out.

And if and when MacDonald is evicted, it'll be amid the rise of the micro-condo in Toronto and the freight-container apartments in Vancouver — the higher-end evolution of an old search for housing that we can afford. Trailer-sized living, chic.

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Of celebs and science

TELEVISION

You don't have to be an astrophysicist to get on Tyson's new show

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What would Kim Kardashian know about science? Neil deGrasse Tyson says the answer may surprise you.

"I would put her on StarTalk," says the popular scientist about his new National Geographic Channel series.

"What would we talk about? We would look at all the things she does. If she uses a hair straightener, there are chemicals in that hair straightener. If she bronzes her skin, we will talk about the chemicals. I will bring in a chemist to talk about cosmetics."

Having a conversation about science is at the heart of his series, premiering Monday, April 20 at 11 p.m. ET.

During each hour-long episode, Tyson sits down with a celebrity to explore how science and technology influence their lives.

"Maybe I was exaggerating a little bit, but if I could get (Kim Kardashian) on, I would do it," says Tyson.

Still, there is enough star power to tune in, with guests ranging from Star Trek alum George Takei and director Christopher Nolan, to syndicated columnist Dan Savage and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield.

"He was just as friendly and as smart and as charming as I had hoped and expected. He made a great guest," says Tyson about Hadfield. "I had not known that he also composes music. So on the StarTalk episode he sang for us the lullaby he composed for his kids while he was in space to sing them to sleep."

Tyson describes the process of choosing guests as "very crass and simple."

"It's: 'Are they famous?' We want them as a guest. We created StarTalk to reach people who didn't know they liked science. Or people who knew they did not like science.

"You have to give them some other reason to participate in a science conversation. One way to do that is to comb the elements of pop culture and say, 'Are there singers, actors, directors, performers who have huge followings? Well, let's get them on StarTalk.' And, we will find ways science emanates from their profession — even in ways they might not have been aware of. We might find they have a little bit of geek in them."

Getting people in touch with their inner geek is nothing new for Tyson.

The director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History previously hosted the PBS series NOVA ScienceNow and Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey.

He is also a popular scientific voice on social media, with more than 3.3 million Twitter followers.

"In the sciences, we are not generally rewarded for being sociable. Our reward comes from never leaving the laboratory," he says.

"So maybe people thought I was odd.

"That said, I do think a lot about pop culture. So I am a little bit fluent in some aspects of pop culture and so that helps. Because, if there is someone who doesn't know anything about science, but they know everything about pop culture, I have a way to have a conversation with them."

TYSON TALKS

On Canadian currency

"Congratulations on the five-dollar bill that you guys have," says Tyson, noting the hockey players on the bill were replaced by the Canadarm when plastic currency was introduced. "I use it in all my lectures. Canada decided they didn't need the hockey players on the back of the five dollar bill. That they didn't need to be reminded that they liked hockey up in Canada. So, they could use that currency real estate on the on the back of the five-dollar bill and they could put Chris Hadfield and the Canadarm on it."

On being named to People's sexiest list

"To be clear, that was 15 years ago, and probably 15 kilos ago," says Tyson. "It was 'sexiest astrophysicist alive.' But consider the category. I don't think that is a very competitive category."

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Maslany's marvelous multiplicity

INTERVIEW

Orphan Black star talks about her big, happy clone family

Lisa Weidenfeld
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It's rare enough for an actor to earn endless critical acclaim for a performance on TV. But there's one star receiving that kind of praise for several performances, all in one show: Tatiana Maslany. She's been doing that for two seasons as a group of clones on Orphan Black, which returns for a third season on Saturday. The show manages to be, at various points, a satire of suburbia, a con artist action show and a horror movie with religious undertones. At the centre of it all is Maslany, anchoring a group of women who are learning to be siblings, but who are all so different it's easy to forget they're played by one woman.

What would you say is the theme of the new season?
It feels to me like there's something about the idea of the girls being stronger as a team. We see them separate at the beginning because they've all had these huge life changes and are in different worlds entirely because of everything, but just by meeting, they've changed each other and they've discovered a family they now belong to.

Will they be separated again like they were last season, or will they be together more often this year?
They're splintered again. It's exciting to see them in their own worlds and coming back together. They all have very separate lives, as much as they have come together. Cosima's sick and dealing with her mortality, so that's where her world picks up again, whereas Alison is in a loving relationship and very supported, and yet they have this secret that they're hiding from everyone, which is that they've buried a body in their garage. So there's all these different things that they're contending with that are very separate.

You famously used different types of music to get into each clone character. Are you still doing that?
It changes all the time. It's less precious to those playlists now. It's a bit more fluid. It's more what I'm listening to at that moment. I trust that character to live in my body a little more than I did in the first season and second season.

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Team Alison and Donnie

Though Alison, the iron-willed suburban mom, was often at odds with husband Donnie (Kristian Bruun) in earlier seasons once she learned he was observing her for the sinister Dyad Institute, the two have since united over a shared hatred of the company.

How is it working as a team with Alison and Donnie, as opposed to having them be at odds?
It's great. He's such an awesome actor, Kristian. He's such a great improviser and we have so much fun together, so it's such a joy to get to do a scene together.

That dynamic has always been one that has excited me and it's always kind of growing and changing.

Rotisserie bird great meal base

DINNER

Poultry can be comfort food or diversified to global tastes

While developing recipes for using rotisserie chicken meat in a range of dishes, Eric Akis took into consideration the diverse palates of Canadians.

"They like international tastes, but they also like good old comfort food, so I've got anything from mac and cheese with chicken and peas, which would be great for a Tuesday supper, but then I've also done a Vietnamese-style chicken and rice noodle salad," he says.

"That's for those people that like Asian food and there's a lot of us, even if you're not Asian."

He also includes a section in his eighth cookbook, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook, on side dishes to serve with rotisserie chicken.

Here is a recipe from the book using rotisserie chicken as an ingredient.

Chicken, avocado and tomato melts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tsp lime juice
- 1 medium ripe avocado
- 4 slices French bread, each 1 inch thick
- 4 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups baby arugula or spinach
- 8 slices ripe tomato
- 1 1/3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken meat
- 1 cup grated plain or jalapeno-flavoured Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro or green onions

Chicken, avocado and tomato melts

This recipe is really simple. The sumptuous melts can be served with a simple green salad and a glass of lemonade or iced tea.

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Pour lime juice onto a wide plate.

2. Quarter avocado lengthwise, pull it apart, and discard pit. Remove peel from avocado. Cut each quarter piece of avocado lengthwise into 3 slices. Set avocado on plate and coat with lime juice.

3. Spread mayonnaise on one side of each slice of bread and arrange on baking sheet. Top each slice with arugula, 2 slices of tomato, 3 slices of avocado and 1/3 cup of the chicken. Sprinkle with cheese.

4. Bake for 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bottom of bread is lightly toasted. Garnish with cilantro and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

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MEAL FOUNDATION

Making the most of store-cooked chicken

WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert
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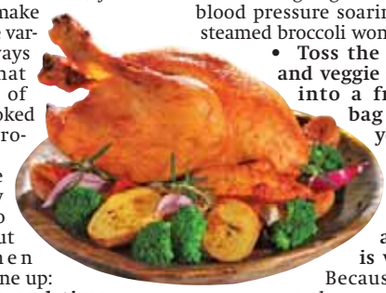
The new book, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook by Eric Akis, outlines how to cook a bird yourself. But if you are like most of us, you will want to make use of the variety of ways to use that lifesaver of a bird cooked by the grocer.



There are a few things to watch out for when picking one up:

- **Date and time prepared.** These babies can dry out on the shelf or be left too long at an unsafe temperature.
- **Size of chicken.** Don't be fooled by the cheaper grocer unless you also know the size. Since most chickens are sold this way, breeders are being asked to grow 'em smaller to compete.
- **Seasonings.** There is no way around how salty your roasted lifesaver can be so you will have to make sure the rest of the day is managed wisely. (Soy sauce at lunch, roasted chicken at dinner and popcorn for snack is going to have your blood pressure soaring. But steamed broccoli won't.)
- **Toss the bones and veggie scraps into a freezer bag when you are done picking it for all it is worth.** Because it is worth more when you simmer the bones for soup broth and two bird carcasses in the freezer are worth two more in the shopping cart.

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WINE

Chianti makes a comeback

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While you should never judge a wine by the design of its label, the growing gaggle of millennial-aged wine fans is fuelling a trend in retro wine packaging.

Baby Boomers see the return of classic designs as a welcome sip down memory lane, especially when it comes to the Italian fiasco.

Calling Chianti home, it's a round bottle kept upright by an elaborate straw basket that once emptied was often turned into a candle holder back in the day.

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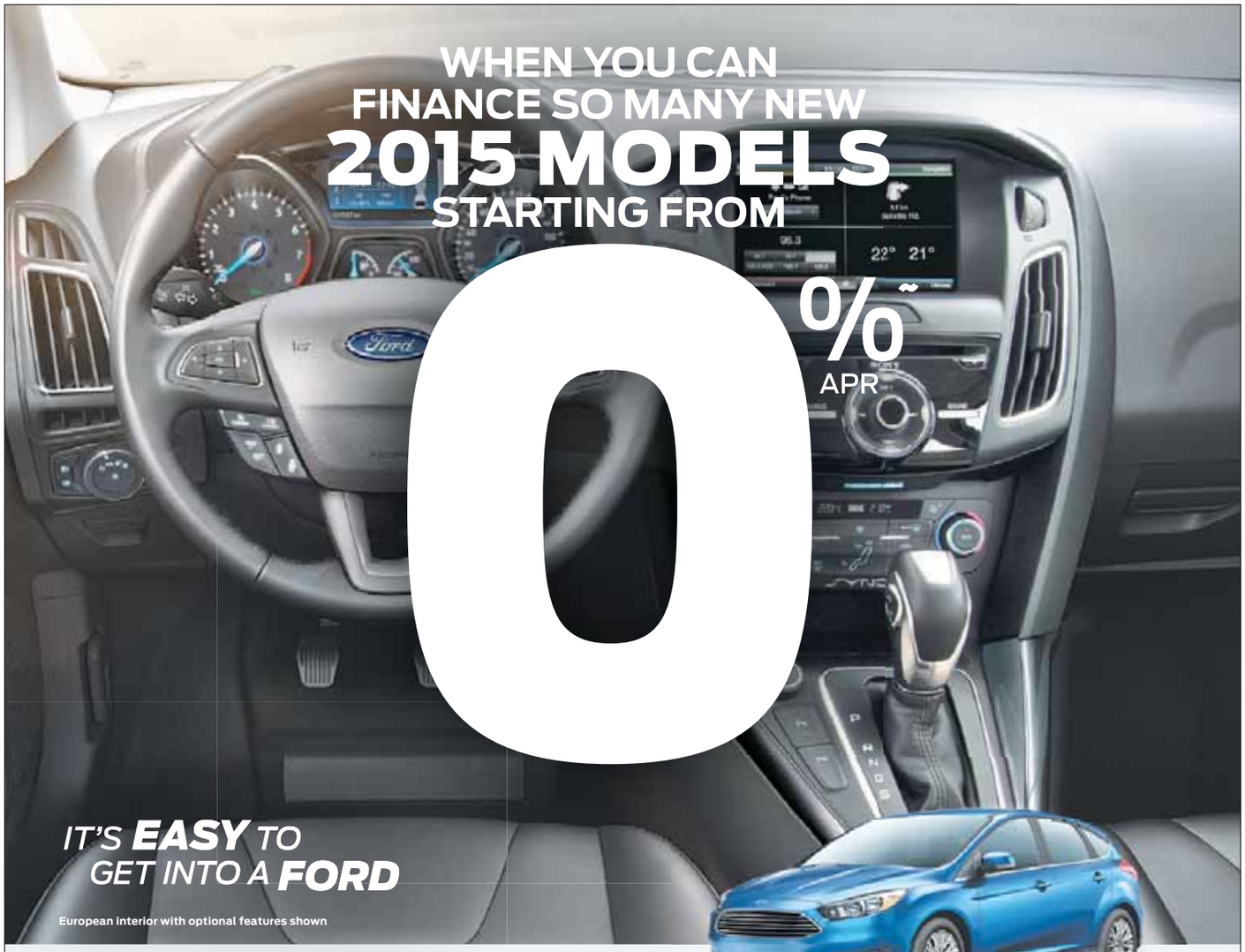

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REVIEW

Acura IXL stays fresh via powertrain, infotainment

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Acura created the ILX back in 2013 to get young upwardly mobile buyers into the Acura family. The intent was that they would stay with Acura, and buy bigger and more expensive ones as they moved up the food chain.

It hasn't happened as Acura would have liked, especially in the U.S., which has never embraced the concept of an entry-level and Civic-based Acura, as we have in Canada.

That's not to say Acura ILX isn't a decent ride. Sometimes we just have to overlook a vehicle's intended marketing mission and just take a keen look at the vehicle itself. And when you do that here, you find a really sweet, small sports sedan, especially when you consider all the new bits that have been bestowed on the vehicle for 2016, to mark its first major mid-cycle makeover.

The biggest new bits are the 2.4-litre I4 engine and eight-speed "dual clutch" automatic transmission, lifted from its immediate bigger sibling, the TLX. This gives the small Acura 201 horses, over 50 more than last year. The engine likes to rev and the transmission loves to shift, and does so expertly and quickly, so it's a great match. It doesn't have that effortless power feel, however, of torque-rich V6s and turbocharged fours.

But the ILX can go around a corner with panache. It turns easily and flatly, and instils a lot of confidence in the driver. That driver would have more fun if there were a bit more steering feel, but other than that, this is a fun ride.

Back seat room, and interior room generally, are not up to "mid-size" standards. If you need such space, the mid-size mainstream sedans beckon, which can be had for about the same price of this "compact" near-luxury sedan.

This being 2015, a vehicle needs more than just space and pace to succeed — it needs lots of acronyms in the safety department, and lots of connectivity in the dashboard. We don't have the space to go through the entire laundry list, but suffice to say Acura wants ILX to be a segment leader in this regard.

Some highlights, which are either standard or optionally available, include: long-range engine starter, GPS-linked automatic climate control, next-generation AcuraLink (cloud-based connected car system), Siri Eyes Free (standard across the board), rain-sensing wipers, and the AcuraWatch suite of driver assist technologies, which includes adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist, rear camera, and collision mitigation.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 ACURA ILX

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, FWD, entry-level luxury compact sedan
Engines (hp/torque). 2.4-litre turbocharged I4 (201)
Transmissions. Eight-speed DSG automatic
Price. Base/as-tested price (incl. destination). $31,619/$36,019

POINTS

- Entry-level Acura nameplate based on the Honda Civic platform.
- Major mid-cycle updates for model year 2016.
- 2.4-litre four and eight-speed automatic from TLX becomes sole powertrain option.

COOL FEATURES

- AcuraWatch suite of safety and driver-assist technologies is standard.
- Standard Bluetooth, text message, and Siri Eyes Free.
- Available iPhone navigation app connectivity, and AuraLink, for more smartphone-based functions.

MARKET POSITION

- Targeted at younger and upwardly mobile buyers.
- For buyers who prioritize premium cache, looks, and technology.
- Aims to please and differentiate with higher levels of safety and connectivity than its peers.

THE COMPETITION

Audi A3
Base price: $33,695

Mercedes-Benz CLA 250
Base price: $36,595

Buick Verano
Base price: $25,390

SHOPPING

Prices can drop when new cars revealed

When auto companies roll out exciting new models like they did at the recent New York auto show, the unveilings can sometimes push down the price of cars already on sale.

Usually the immediate impact is small, according to industry analysts, but the deals can get a whole lot better once the new models hit the showrooms and the automakers try to clear the old models from dealer lots. And the extent of the impact depends on whether the latest models are significantly more appealing than the old ones because of new features or styling changes.

Last week in New York, Honda unveiled a new Civic compact that looks like a European sports car, and Chevrolet showed off a new Malibu mid-size car that looks like a coupe, with more legroom better gas mileage and other features that one-up the current model. Analysts say it's too early to tell if prices will drop on the current Civics and Malibus.

Car buyers recognize the value when there's a major redesign if it's feature-rich, said Alec Gutierrez, senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

Whether or not prices immediately fall on existing models varies by whether media coverage of the new model is unexpectedly positive or negative, and by how well automakers manage their inventories during the year, said David Wagner, senior manager for analytics with the NADA Used Car Guide.

If publicity is good and customers are excited, then values on outgoing models can fall. But the decline usually is small, around two or three per cent in the first several weeks of media coverage.

Wagner saw prices fall a small amount after recent redesigns of the Honda Accord, Ford Mustang and Ford F-150 pickup truck, all of which made great improvements or added features to the vehicles.

In late summer and early fall, all automakers discount outgoing models to clear room on dealer lots for new models. Typically, those discounts run two to four per cent off the sticker price. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lower prices can entice consumers to buy an outgoing model even if the new one is much better. ISTOCK

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EMISSIONS

E-Mercedes B-Class

German automaker Daimler has come up with a life-cycle analysis of its Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive that shows the vehicle is significantly more environmentally friendly than a gasoline car, including the impact of its manufacturing.

The analysis, conducted by the German regulatory body TUV (Technical Inspection Association in English), shows that the electric B-Class cuts lifetime carbon emissions by 24 per cent over a gasoline-powered B-Class when charged from a mix of power sources.

If it's charged exclusively with hydroelectric power, the Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive's lifetime carbon is 64 per cent lower than that of the four-cylinder gas-powered model.

The analysis assumes the car is driven about 100,000 miles (160,000 kilometres) over its lifetime, and is recycled at the end of its use.

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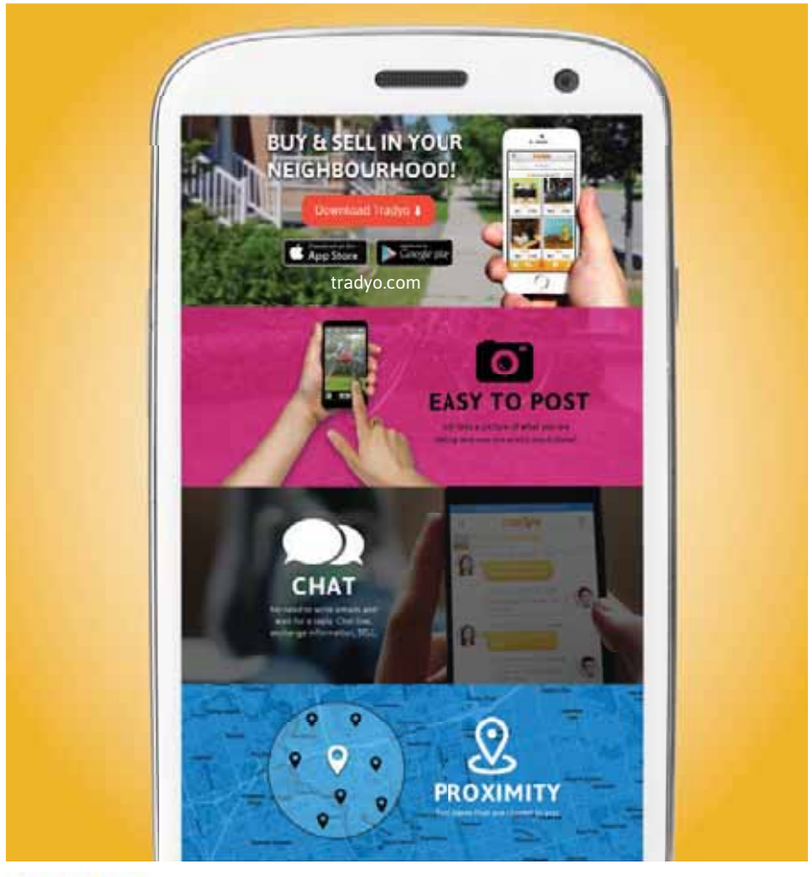

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Virgin to heat up e-cars market

COMPETITION

Traditional automakers could be facing a lot of competition from non-traditional sources within a few years.

To wit, media mogul Richard Branson, who is demonstrating that the future is not just in the hands of big-name automakers.

He said his Virgin empire has "teams of people" working on electric cars.

Virgin is already a supporter of the Formula E (for electric) racing championship.

"You may find Virgin competing ... in the car business, as we do in the space business," Branson said.

MILEAGE

Leaf drivers recorded 1bn kilometres driven

Automaker Nissan says that owners of its Leaf plug-in electric mid-size sedan have recorded one billion kilometres driven worldwide, saving more than 180 million kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions in the process.

Over that vast distance, the Nissan Leaf has reportedly become the best-selling electric vehicle in history.

SOLAR POWER

Glow-in-dark cars hit luminescent highway

Nissan recently drove its first glow-in-the-dark electric Leaf sedan on the world's first luminous "smart" highway near Oss, Netherlands. The luminous Leaf was put on the solar-powered highway to announce Nissan EV sales increased by 313 per cent across the Netherlands last year and to showcase how many of its customers are powering their cars from solar energy.

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Chevrolet Cruz boasts space

USED VEHICLE

Odours, leaks, may plague 2011 to 2014 models

Replacing the Cobalt and competing with the Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra, Ford Focus and Toyota Corolla, the Chevrolet Cruze hit the Canadian market for model year 2011, riding a new European-based platform and hoping to attract customers with top-notch efficiency, leading warranty coverage and overall value. With plenty of selection, the big-for-its-class Cruze should make an ideal used sedan for a shopper after plenty of space and a pleasant all-around driving experience.

On board, smell for any unpleasant odours, such as a burnt sugar smell, which could indicate a coolant leak under the hood, or in the vehicle's heater core, as well as earthy or 'dirty-sock' odours — resulting from moisture buildup in the HVAC system causing mildew. Blocked moisture drain tubes may be to blame for the latter issue, and your Chevrolet dealer may offer a mould/mildew cleaning kit to remedy the problem. If you detect any unpleasant smells, have a mechanic check the cooling system and HVAC system for leaks.

Check the Cruze's cooling system pressure cap for signs of coolant leakage, which will require a new, revised cap to remedy.

Visit the highway and get the Cruze up to speed, turning the steering wheel slightly to "weave" where appropriate. A "notchy" or "sticky" feel to the steering system could indicate a problem that requires further investigation. Most owners reporting this issue find it occurs at low mileage and have it fixed under warranty.

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Features

Look for OnStar, heated seats, a sunroof, automatic lights, and above-average at-hand storage facilities for keeping organized on the move. A full suite of advanced safety systems is on board, too. Look for an LT or LTZ trim grade if you're after the top-line experience.

Engines

Most copies of the Cruze in the used market will pack a 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine, or a 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine. Six-speed transmissions in either automatic or manual were available.

What owners like

Common owner praise points include a comfortable and pleasant ride, higher-than-expected onboard space, good throttle response and mileage from the small turbo engine, and a quiet and refined drive.

What owners dislike

Typical gripes centre around some of the materials used to trim the Cruze's cabin, lazy programming logic of the automatic transmission, and potentially uncomfortable seats.

The verdict

Cruze isn't the obvious choice as the most reliable used compact sedan, though owners did love it for space, comfort and refinement. Opt for as new a model as you can afford, seeking to maximize protection from the Cruze's warranty, where possible. A prepurchase inspection at a Chevrolet dealer should be considered mandatory.

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Proper washer fluid does a better job of cleaning a windshield than plain water.
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A clean windshield fuels safety

MAINTENANCE

Wiper blades should be replaced about every 6 months

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Keeping your windshield clean isn't just about the vehicle looking good. Visibility is essential to safety, which means wiper blades need to be in top condition and a driver's windshield washer fluid bottle should be full.

"If people replace their wiper blades every six to nine months, they will enjoy better visibility," says Ron Fausnight, group technical manager of chemicals and appearance products for ITW Global Brands, which markets Rain-X. "Wiper blades will deteriorate from use, especially if there's a lot of gritty material on the glass."

Guck can form on the windshield even on dry, sunny days. Insects and bird droppings are the most noticeable culprits, but it can also include sticky substances kicked up off the asphalt by other vehicles: dust and grime, oil, and even the thin film of rubber that builds up on the road from the thousands of tires driving over it.

If the windshield is dry, it should always be moistened with the washers before the wipers are turned on. Not only is that grime hard on the rubber, but it can potentially scratch the glass.

When you wash your car, it's common for minerals in the water to dry on the windshield, causing spots. It can be difficult to remove these dried-on deposits and a glass cleaner may need to be used to remove them.

Spray-on or wipe-on water repellents leave a thin film of silicon on the glass that causes the water to bead up and flow away, instead of drying up and leaving the minerals behind.

Windshield wipers are actually squeegees, and while they look like thin blades, a peek under magnification reveals their edges are square. One corner of this square edge drags across the glass when the wipers move in one direction, and then the blade is flipped and the other corner does the job when the wiper goes the other way. This constant push-pull motion does an excellent job of keeping the windshield clear when it's raining, but it's also why the blades eventually wear out.

All types of washer fluid will clean a windshield, but summer-specific ones do a better job of removing bugs and grime, while winter fluid is less likely to freeze.

Plain water shouldn't be used to clean a windshield, since it doesn't clean as well and can damage the motor if there's any left in the system when cold weather returns.

WHEN TO REPLACE WIPERS

Streaks mean replacement

Wiper blades should be replaced any time they start to leave streaks on the windshield, if the rubber starts to tear, or if they continually "chatter" when wiping on wet glass. Because the rear window on an SUV or hatchback gets so grimy, this wiper can wear fairly quickly. Replace it promptly to avoid scratching the glass. Many vehicles have two different sized front blades, depending on the windshield size and shape, to do the best job of cleaning. JIL MCINTOSH

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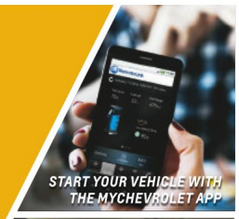

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First step for Sens to 'win it all'

Mark Stone, who will be one of the Sens key men heading into the playoffs, high-fives the bench after scoring against Philadelphia Flyers THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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FOR METRO

The Ottawa Senators enter Game 1 versus the Canadiens with heavy hearts. After a year-long battle with cancer, assistant coach Mark Reeds passed away Monday evening. Ten days ago, Reeds visited the team, leaving this message, "Let's win it all."

Not only have Senators players rallied around the exploits of goaltender Andrew Hammond, Mark Stone and others the past two months, they've used the illnesses of GM Bryan Murray and Reeds as motivation — a win-at-all-costs attitude, if you will.

The Senators ended the season on an extraordinary 20-3-3 run — erasing a 14-point deficit, the largest in NHL history to earn a playoff berth.

Can the team continue their winning ways? There's no reason why it can't.

The Senators have proven they can solve Hart and Vezina Trophy candidate Carey Price, something the rest of the league couldn't figure out this season. Though the Canadiens all-star led all netminders in wins (44), GAA (1.96) and save percentage (.933), the Senators have put 21 goals past Price in their past six meetings — including six in two starts this campaign.

The Senators possess the league's hottest goalie, the Hamburglar. The 27 year-old opened his career with a gaudy 20-1-2 mark, shredding the NHL record book in his path. Hammond defeated Montreal twice down the stretch and won't be intimidated by the Bell Centre throng. He's yet to suffer a regulation loss in 12 career road starts.

Ranking 20th league-wide, the Canadiens are offensively challenged. Coach Michel Therrien stresses a fast-skating transitional game. Max Pacioretty, the club's leading scorer with 37 goals is coming off a concussion and is a game-time decision. The Canadiens will rely Alex Galchenyuk, Tomas Plekanec and PK Subban from the back end to produce offence.

Conversely, the Senators score at a high rate with coach Dave Cameron at the helm. The team is averaging 3.05 goals per game, 3rd-most in the league during his 55-game reign. Stone, the NHL's fourthth-best scorer since Jan. 1, carries a nine-game point streak into the post-season. Kyle Turris has 19 points in 16 games. While Erik Karlsson led all NHL rearguards with 66 points.

The team is aided by the return of Milan Michalek from injury. Cameron is hoping Michalek is the key ingredient in rejuvenating Mika Zibanejad and mainly Bobby Ryan, who's output has dropped of late.

Get ready for Senators/Canadiens Part Deux. If this series is anything like 2013, lasting memories will be made.

Prediction: Senators in 6

SERIES PREVIEW

REGULAR SEASON: Canadiens went 50-22-10 (110 points) to win Atlantic. Senators went 43-26-13 (99 points) to get first wild-card spot.

SEASON SERIES: Sens won 3-1, with three wins in regulation.

STORY LINE: The Habs finished with the NHL's second-best record with stifling defence, the game's most dominant goalie in Carey Price and an elite scorer in Max Pacioretty. But the Sens went 23-4-4 over their final 31 games. Pacioretty ominously missed the last two games of the regular season with a concussion.

AP PREDICTION: Senators in 7.

GAME 1: Wednesday at Montreal, 7 p.m.

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Sens assistant coach Reeds dies at age 55

NHL

Club expresses grief at loss a year after cancer announcement

Senators assistant coach Mark Reeds has died. He was 55.

The team announced he had cancer in March of 2014, and head coach Dave Cameron repeatedly asked for people to keep Reeds and his family in their thoughts.

"We lost a good man today," said general manager Bryan Murray, who was diagnosed with cancer last summer. "A very important member of our coaching staff and of our Senator family."

The Senators open the playoffs Wednesday night at the Montreal Canadiens. Murray said young players were grieving greatly Tuesday morning.

"It's supposed to be an exciting time and will be," Murray said. "But today it's very difficult for all of us."

Mark Reeds, left, had been an assistant coach for the Senators since 2011. He coached the Owen Sound attack in the OHL before that. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reeds had been an assistant in Ottawa since 2011 and before that coached the Owen Sound Attack to an Ontario Hockey League title.

"It is with very heavy hearts that all of us within the Senators family remember Mark who was truly a wonderful father, husband, player, coach and friend," owner Eugene Melnyk said in a statement. "Mark's charismatic fighting spirit was present right until the end. We are all better for having had the opportunity to work so closely with Mark — whose passion for life, hockey and his family will leave an indelible mark on our organization."

"A very important member of our coaching staff and of our Senator family.
General manager Bryan Murray

A Toronto native, Reeds was a fifth-round pick of St. Louis in 1979 and played 365 NHL games for the Blues and Hartford Whalers.

"Lost a great hockey man today," Senators broadcaster Dean Brown wrote on Twitter. "Great coach, Great guy I hate cancer."

As friends and colleagues learned of his death, there was an outpouring of condolences on social media. Owen Sound athletic therapist Andy Brown called Reeds "a special and unique man," and former NHL player Jamie Rivers said Reeds was "a great coach and great motivator. He always looked at life as an adventure."

NHL

Rogers scored big with hockey rights

Ask Scott Moore if he's in an NHL playoff pool and he laughs.

Yes, the president of Sportsnet and NHL at Rogers Media is in a hockey pool.

"It's worth millions of dollars in advertising," he jokes.

Moore is the man at the centre of Rogers' 12-year, $5.2-billion NHL rights deal. Starting Wednesday, Rogers' first shot at the Stanley Cup playoff race begins.

There will still be playoff games on CBC, starting with Wednesday's first-round openers between the Montreal Canadiens and the Ottawa Senators, followed by the Vancouver Canucks versus the Calgary Flames. Post-season hockey on CBC is a 63-year-old tradition Moore, a former head of CBC Sports, is reluctant to change.

He points out CBC owns the rights to the name "Hockey Night in Canada" and Rogers, which keeps all the ad revenue under the new rights agreement, is happy to continue leveraging "that brand, which is so iconic." CBC, of course, is also in more homes across Canada, so showing games on the public broadcaster allows Rogers to extend its reach.

The deal shuts CBC out of hockey ad revenues in prime time for more than two months. Essentially Rogers is renting broadcast space on a larger national platform, maximizing ratings and revenue potential without paying rent. CBC, reeling from cuts to its annual appropriation as well as dwindling ad revenue, gets a strong promotional platform in return and surrenders the cost of producing the broadcasts. The deal also allows CBC the optics that it is keeping the lights on during a quarter where it used to make a killing. Without the hockey playoffs, the network would be reduced to showing reruns.

$5.2B
The price of the deal giving Rogers the rights to NHL games for 12 years.

Moore said late Monday that Rogers had already reached 70 per cent of its ad target for the entire playoff run.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NHL PLAYOFFS

The NHL's post-season dominoes tumbled throughout the regular season's wild final week. When the last ones fell Saturday night, they revealed that the league is set up for an extremely interesting spring. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

1 Home cooking

Sure, Canadians are prominent on every NHL team. But when in the Great White North make the playoffs, there's an extra excitement — and this post-season will have plenty after a mad rush for position left five Canadian teams in the field. The Canadiens take on the Senators, the Flames take on the Canucks in two all-Canadian matchups in Round 1 while the Jets face a tough matchup with the West-best Ducks.

No shelter 2

The top seeds drew tough matchups.

The Rangers claimed the Presidents' Trophy, but their reward is a perilous clash with superstars Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and the Penguins.

Anaheim took top spot in the West butget the red-hot Winnipeg Jets as their reward.

DARRYL SNUB
Things got so ugly in L.A. this season that Kings players locked coach Darryl Sutter out the locker-room at one point.

3 We aren't the champions

The playoffs will go on without the teams that won three of the past four Stanley Cup titles — and for the first time in NHL history, the teams that won the previous season's championship and the team with the last Presidents' Trophy both missed the post-season.

The Los Angeles Kings struggled at mid-season and flopped in the final week, finishing ninth in the West and ending their spectacular run of two championships, 10 playoff series wins and a record 64 post-season games over the past three years. For the first time since 2007, the playoffs won't feature the defending champion.

The Boston Bruins, who won the 2011 title and had the NHL's best regular-season record last year, join the Kings on the golf course.

Division bell 4

The NHL realigned its post-season last year to create more matchups between rivals, and the effect will be felt particularly by the Central Division.

Division champ St. Louis drew a meeting with Minnesota, which finished with the West's sixth-best record. The other Central matchup is a brawl between Chicago and surprising Nashville, which held off the Blackhawks down the stretch for home-ice advantage.

5 Holding steady

The Detroit Red Wings are in the playoffs for the 24th straight season, and they've never had a series against the Tampa Bay Lightning and GM Steve Yzerman, who is a bit of a celebrity in Michigan. The Wings' playoff exploits could play a role in the future of coach Mike Babcock, who could be available to the highest bidder this summer.

RECIPE Welcome spring with Sweet 'n' Sour Chicken Meatballs with Rice

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ready in 50 minutes
Serves six

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the chicken, onion, ketchup, bread crumbs, egg, salt and pepper and mix well. With wet hands, form the meatballs, using about 1 Tbsp of the mixture for each. Place on a plate and set aside.

2. In large saucepan, heat the vegetable oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion and cook just until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the bell peppers and cook for another 4 minutes. Add the tomato and pineapple juices, chili sauce, brown sugar, cornstarch and meatballs. Cover, reduce the heat and simmer for 25 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked through.

3. Meanwhile, bring the rice and water to a boil, then cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand for 10 minutes, covered.

4. Serve the meatballs and sauce over the rice. Garnish with pineapple and parsley.

Ingredients

- 12 oz ground chicken
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp ketchup
- 5 Tbsp seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 1/2 cups tomato juice
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup sweet chili sauce (Heinz)
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup diced pineapple (fresh or canned)
- 3 Tbsp chopped parsley

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 377 • Protein 15 grams
- Carbohydrates 61 g • Fibre 3 g
- Total fat 7.7 g • Saturated fat 1.9 g
- Cholesterol 73 mg • Sodium 429 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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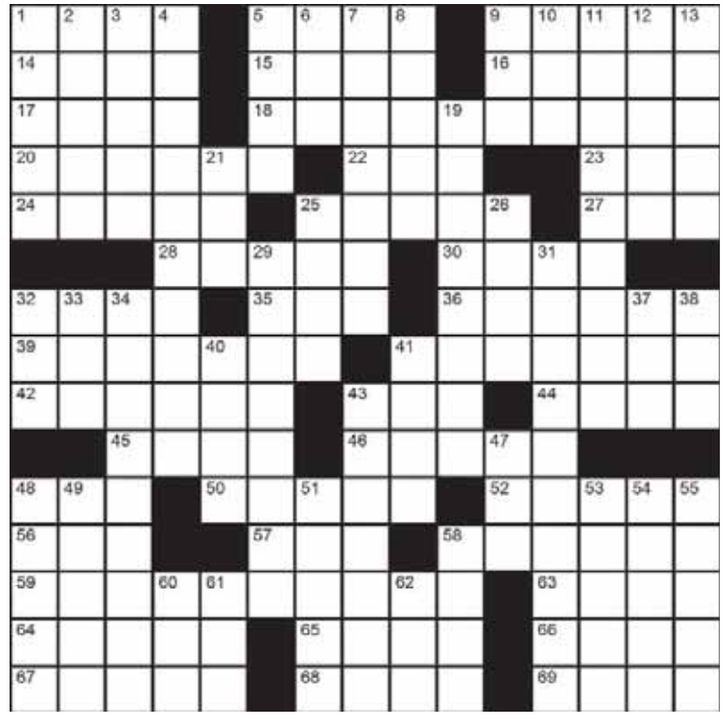

ACROSS

1. Deodorant's pal
5. Compass/ruler set, briefly
9. Oversight
14. Currency in Oman
15. 161 in ancient Rome
16. Acrylic material
17. Bear constellation
18. Position for recently retired Canadian basketball star Steve Nash: 2 wds.
20. Bungled, with Up
22. Homer Simpson's sound!
23. Corp. leader
24. Literary genre
25. City of Switzerland
27. Be off
28. Jittery, __ __ ease
30. Cut, as wood
32. Jeanne _'__
35. Shana __, The Sweetest Dark author
36. Menswear accessory, variantly: 2 wds.
39. Get to the point
41. "Toy Soldiers" singer who also has a self-titled 'Kitchen' tune
42. Hedy of Hollywood
43. Daze
44. Door fastener
45. Acreage
46. Quaintly bless with oil
48. Greek alphabet's 21st letter
50. Quick bite
52. Map detail
56. Literary contraction
57. Chop from the team
58. Marilyn Monroe's hair hue
59. Scotiabank __ (Calgary entertainment/sports venue)
63. T. __ Price (Investment firm)
64. Mr. Reznor of rock
65. Press
66. Pare
67. Famous violin, commonly
68. Courtroom cry!
69. She-chickens

DOWN

1. Donald of "The Celebrity Apprentice"
2. Broadcaster
3. Cowboy's rope
4. Ontario: Chatham-Kent, the '__ __ Capital of Canada'
5. Crime-fighting force in Batman's domain [acronym]
6. "Turn to Stone" gr.
7. Get rusty
8. Ancient king of Crete
9. Account
10. Indonesia's __ Islands
11. Newfoundland town on the Avalon Peninsula
12. More painful
13. Ewoks' forest moon home
19. Some performers feel most at home on it: 2 wds.
21. Conger or Moray
25. Jennifer's "Dirty Dancing" (1987) role
26. Animal den
29. Paul __, Canadian host of HGTV's "Disaster Decks"
31. Toronto Raptors slogan: 3 wds.
32. Computer connection, e.g.
33. Paraguay/Brazil border river
34. It's what's left
37. "That '70s Show" star ...his initials-sharers
38. Pen's cover
40. Cholers
41. Monastery man
43. Industrious building
47. Rapper, __ Wayne
48. Nuisances
49. Life pumper
51. TV feed's sound
53. Nap noisily
54. __ Hawkins Singers hit: "Oh Happy Day"
55. Abounds
58. Mercedes-__
60. Crime lab stuff
61. Company name abbr.
62. Curly's pal

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
It seems you can't put a foot wrong at the moment but you know from long experience not to take things like that for granted. Enjoy life but watch where you tread.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have been worrying too much about money lately but as of today your fears should subside a little. The moment you stop worrying about your cash flow is the moment it will start getting better.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Venus in your sign makes this a good time for affairs of the heart and anything of an artistic or creative nature, but Saturn is also strong at the moment, which means you must not lose your grip on reality.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This could be a special time for you. Like all Cancerians you want to do things for other people, to make the world a better place, and your chance to do so will arrive very soon.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Listen carefully to what friends and colleagues tell you today — and, if what they tell you makes sense, act on it immediately. And don't be so suspicious.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Career matters are under favourable stars at the moment, so be positive. Attitude is everything: if colleagues and employers sense that you are serious about your aims then they will be serious about them as well.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A task you were not looking forward to won't be as bad as you thought it would be – in fact, once you get going it may be enjoyable. That's good, because the more you smile the happier those around you will be as well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Money isn't everything but it's still important and what happens today will remind you that you cannot afford to be too relaxed about what you own and earn. You have mouths to feed and bills to pay.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stop worrying about whether or not you are doing the right thing and live the way you feel is right.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't push yourself too hard or take on any new responsibilities over the next 24 hours — and don't let other people talk you into doing things.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Venus in your fellow Air sign of Gemini will do wonders for your confidence over the next few days but with Saturn strong at the moment as well you there will still be challenges.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you need to say sorry for something you did earlier in the month then say it now. Venus in the domestic area of your chart means others will happily forgive and forget.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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